

## IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the paragraph starting at page 11, line 26, and ending at page 12, line 16, with the following.

--The perovskite oxide  $M^1RuO_3$  ( $M^1$  ~~shows~~ indicates at least one kind selected from Sr, Ba and Ca) is synthesized from a solution of ruthenium alkoxide or a ruthenium compound and an  $M^1$  metal compound by the sol-gel method. As the ruthenium compound, there are various alkoxides or ruthenium compounds such as acetyl acetone ruthenium, ~~toris~~ 2,2,6,6-tetra-methyl-3,5-heptane-dinate tris (2,2,6,6-tetramethyl-3,5-heptanedianato) ruthenium, ruthenium oxide hydrate, ruthenium methoxide, ruthenium ethoxide, ruthenium hydroxide and alkyl substitutions thereof. Further, various carboxylates, hydroxy carboxylates or acetylacetonate complexes such as inorganic salt compounds of ruthenium (more specifically, chloride, nitrate, phosphate and sulfate) or organic salt compounds (more specifically, formate, acetate, propionic acid salt, oxalate, citric acid salt and malic acid salt) may be mixed with a solvent to synthesize alkoxide in situ.--